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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, that the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. Copies of these documents are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), Applicant makes no representation that these documents qualify as prior art or that these documents are material to patentability of the present application or that a search has been made.

REMARKS

The document FR 989,859 A is not in the English language but was discovered in a search report from a foreign patent office in a related foreign application. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 609(A)(3), an English language version of the search report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office for the reference is attached herewith to satisfy the concise explanation of relevance requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3).

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of Applicants' above-referenced patent application are patentably distinguishable from these references.

Applicants believe that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action in this case. Therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee is believed to be due. If, however, a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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